



Unexpected Companion

*Shaping the Future, Managing Expectations and
Cultivating Hope*

(Luke 24:13-35)

1. Eat the Word.

- We have info; we need insight.
- Do we see how critical it is that we read and understand the Scriptures?

2. Expect the unexpected.

- Through knowing Jesus we can manage our expectations of what we want to happen, what we think needs to happen.

Isn't it true that the people who know and trust Jesus ought to be the ones MOST comfortable with the unknown?

3. Open your eyes to what your eyes can't see.

What is God like?

- He comes near
- He's patient
- He is gentle
- He reveals Himself
- And yet He conceals Himself -- to invite and inspire loving and living faith in us.

4. Find faith-filled friends.

How do you cultivate hope?

- Hope and pray like a Psalmist.
- Jesus Himself is our hope.

In the tension between the goodness of God and what you (or someone you love) are dealing with, during the song, reflect and complete these two sentences:

- God, I need to tell you that I'm (be honest with Him)
- And still, God I'm *thankful* that